WASHIZU

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STORY

第二次世界大戦中、当時特別高等警察の権中警視（現在の警視長クラス）であった鷲巣巌は、その先見の明により、太平洋戦争での日本の敗戦をいち早く予見。ただ一人特高を辞職し、戦争犯罪人としての重刑を免れる……。

そして迎えた昭和20年代――――。日本を占領するGHQ相手の高レート麻雀で資金を積み上げたワシズは、経営コンサルタント会社「共生」を設立。特高時代に築いた政財界の人脈を利用してインサイダー情報を入手し、各企業に適切なアドバイスを送り続けた。結果、ワシズは敏腕の経営コンサルタントとして数多くの企業の顧問に収まり、政府と企業のパイプ役としての地位を確立。一気に莫大な富を築き上げ、裏社会でもその存在感を増しつつあった。

政府から秘密裏に"魔物"退治の依頼を受けたワシズは、部下である隼（ハヤブサ）とともに、日本の石炭王がこもるという北海道の炭鉱に潜入する。しかしそこでは、負けた者は生きて炭鉱から出られないという、恐怖の人間麻雀こと"龍神麻雀"が行なわれていた…！

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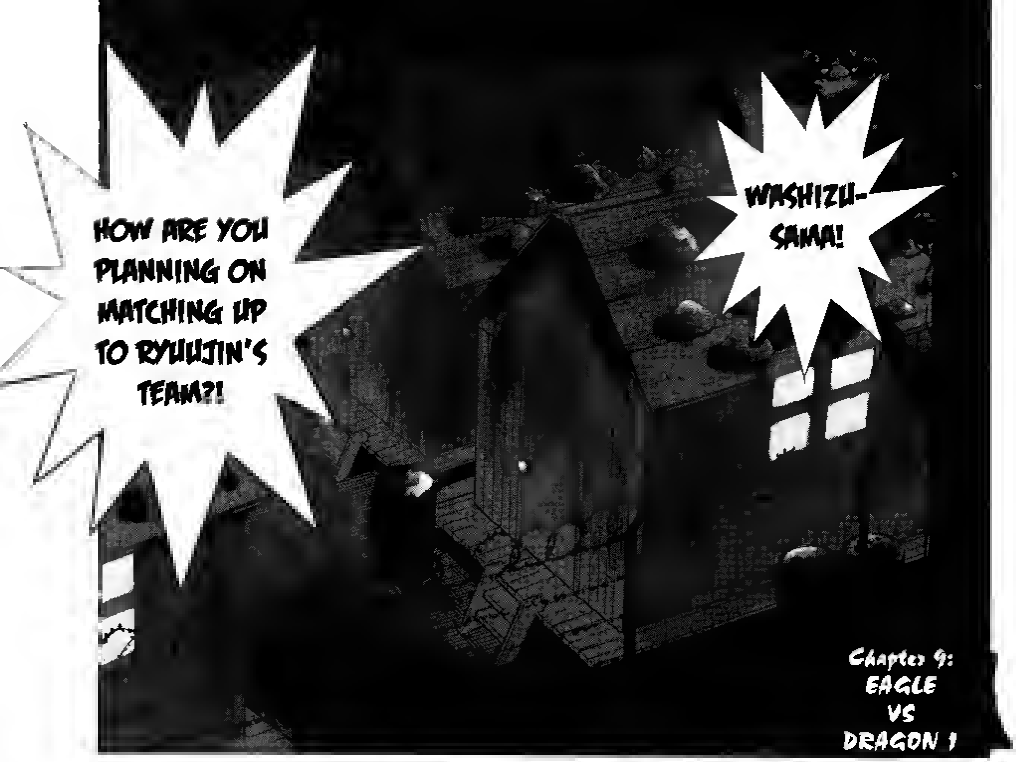
WASHIZU-SAMA!
HOW ARE YOU PLANNING ON MATCHING UP TO RYUUJIN'S TEAM?!
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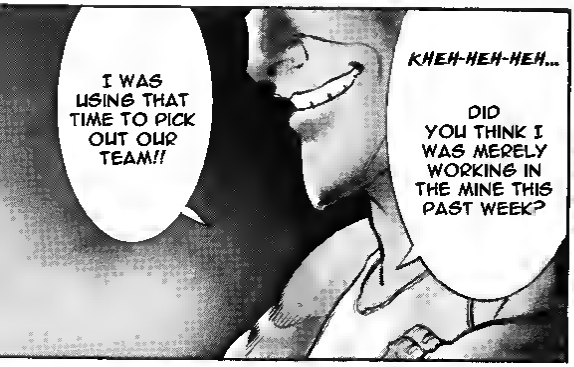
I WAS USING THAT TIME TO PICK OUT OUR TEAM!!
KHEH-HEH-HEH...
DID YOU THINK I WAS MERELY WORKING IN THE MINE THIS PAST WEEK?

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY HAND-PICKED TEAM OF 5...

TRANSLATED BY SONICKRAZY
CLEANED BY CRUMP BIGGUMS
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THIS IS TEAM WASHIZU!!!
Chapter 9:
EAGLE VS. DRAGON 2
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Book-worm
Ex-Boxer
HEY, WE MEET AGAIN, KID.
Gambler
Sumo Wrestler
FUMBLE
FUMBLE
Mining Explosives Specialist

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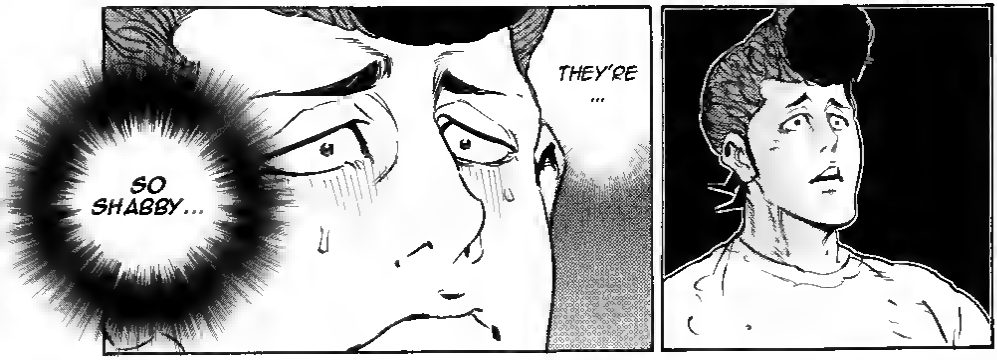
SO SHABBY...
THEY'RE ...

THAT SUMO WRESTLER GUY SURE LOOKS LIKE HE CAN HOLD HIS OWN!
W... WELL...
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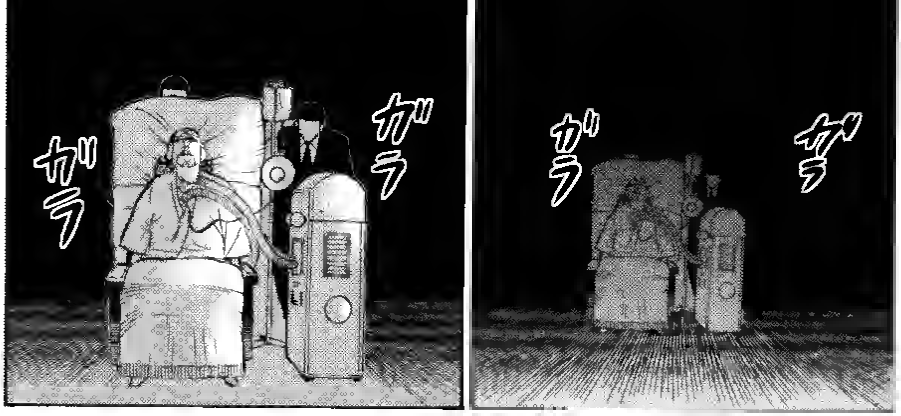
HARDLY ANYONE LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE ANYTHING TO OFFER IN THAT DEPARTMENT..
POWER'S THE THING WE NEED THE MOST, BUT...

HEY!! YOU GONNA SAY SOME-THING?!
FUMBLE FUMBLE...
EE...
HE'S SCARED OF FIGHTING AND RUNS AWAY FROM EVERYTHING! HE'S JUST A BIG WIMP!
HEY, DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING BIG OUTTA THIS GUY...
MMGH..

WE CAN WIN...
WITH THIS TEAM.
WHAT THE HELL...
ARE WE SEEING THE SAME PEOPLE?!
HOW'S THAT, HAYA-BUSA!!
H... HOW...?!
THE BETTER QUESTION IS, HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?!!?

ARE THOSE THE TOUGH OPPONENTS MR. RYUUJIN WAS TALKING ABOUT?
SEEMS THAT WAY.
SERIOUSLY, EVEN AFTER LOSING SUCH A HUGE WAR, THOSE DAMN JAPS HAVEN'T LEARNED A THING, HUH!
WHY DON'T WE TEACH 'EM A THING OR THREE?!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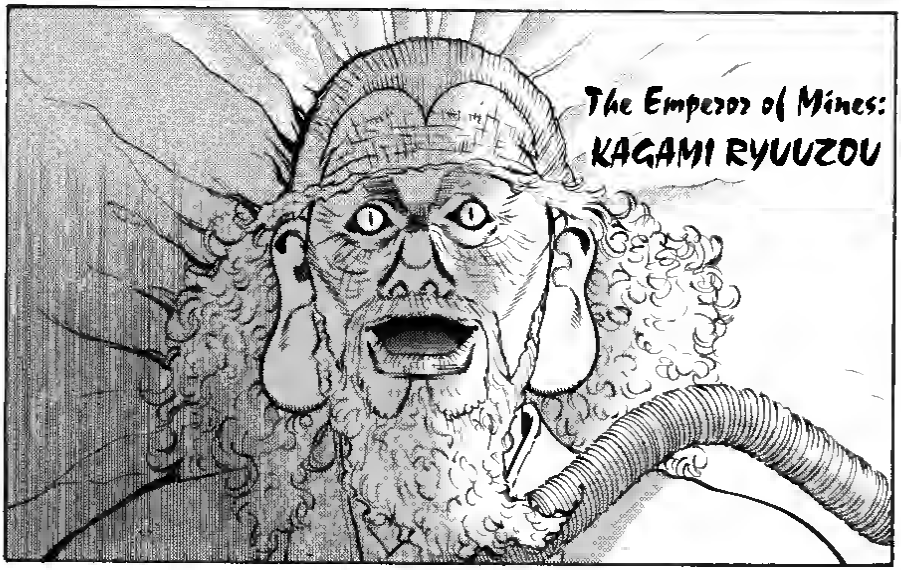
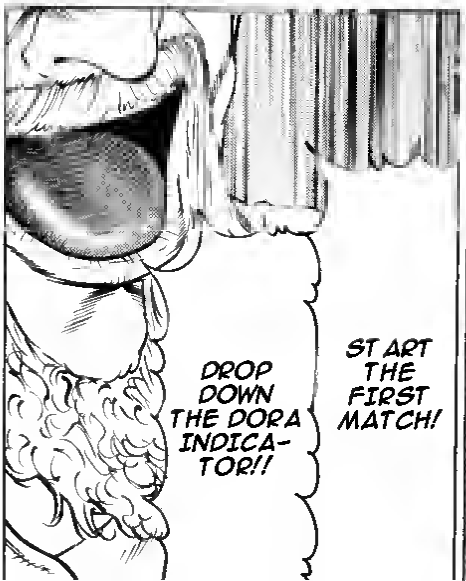
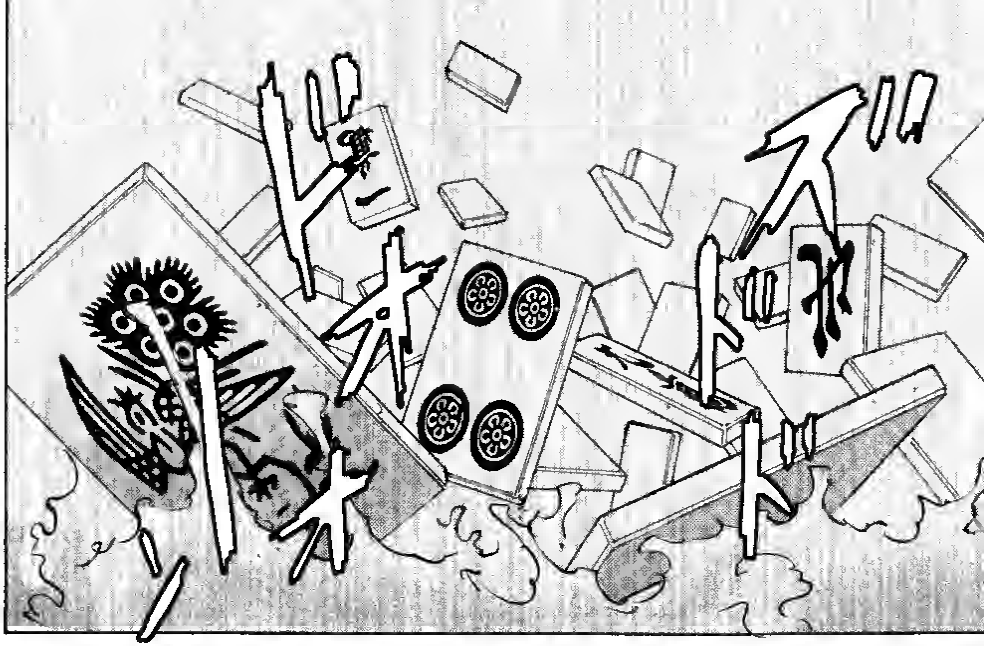

The Emperor of Mines:
KAGAMI RYUUZOU


DROP DOWN THE DORA INDICA-TOR!!
START THE FIRST MATCH!

SO HURRY UP AND START!
TIME BECOMES MUCH MORE IMPORTANT AS THE YEARS WEAR ON

THE DORA IS 5-MAN!!
NOW THE STARTING HANDS!!!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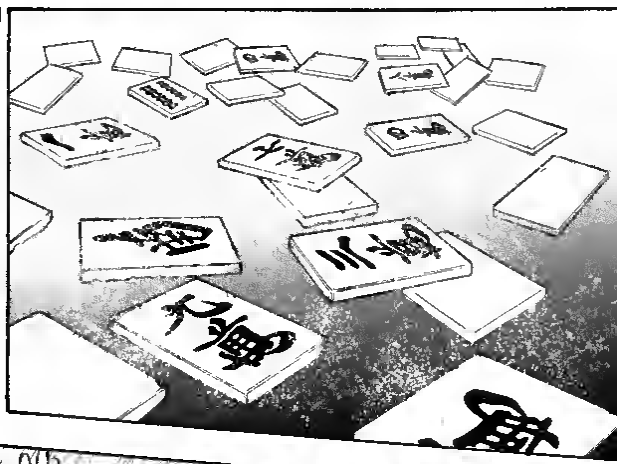
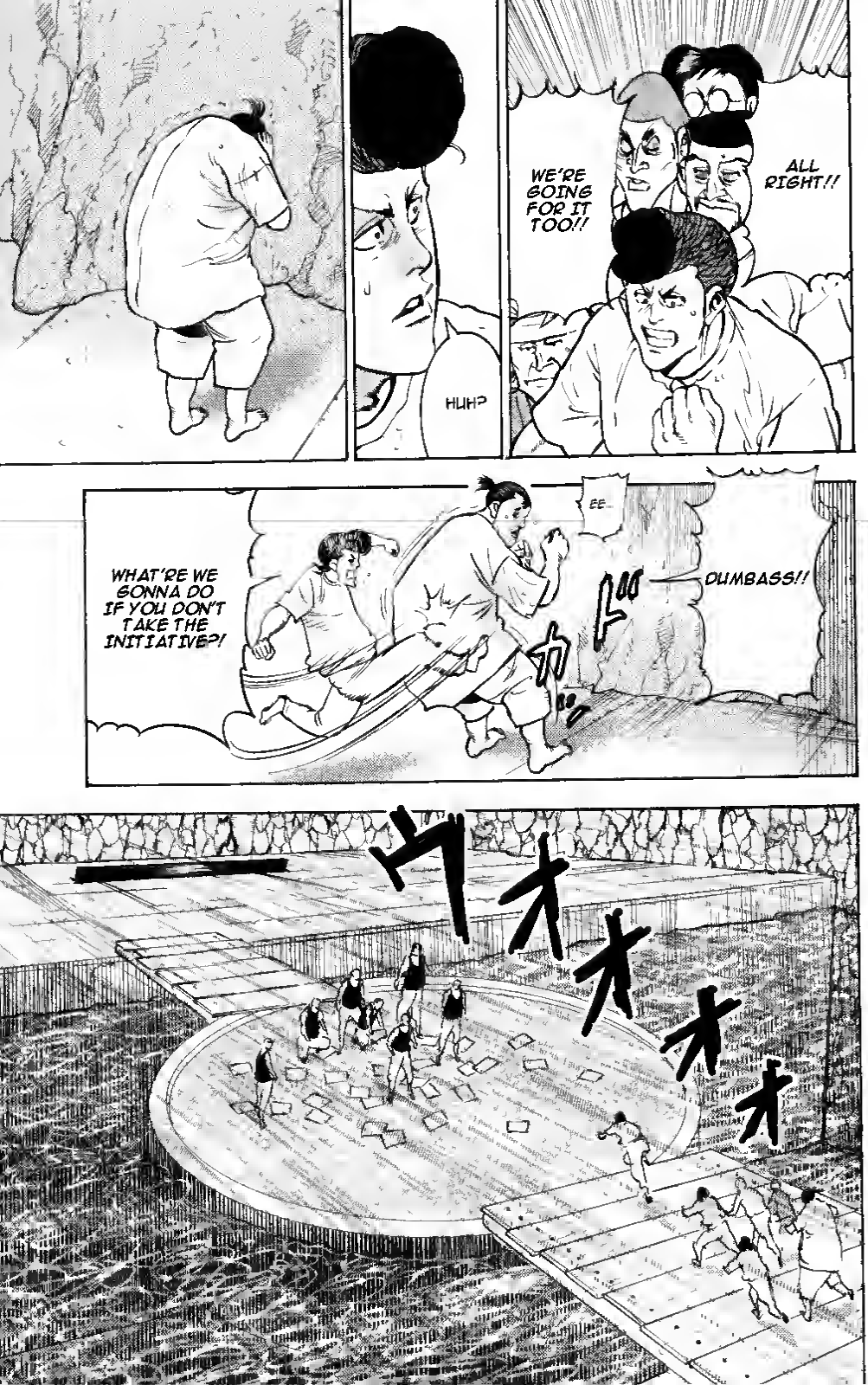
THERE'S A TON OF MANZU TILES FACE-UP!



ONE-SUIT FORMATION, GO!!!


HUH?
WE'RE GOING FOR IT TOO!!
ALL RIGHT!!
EE-
DUMBASS!!
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO IF YOU DON'T TAKE THE INITIATIVE?!
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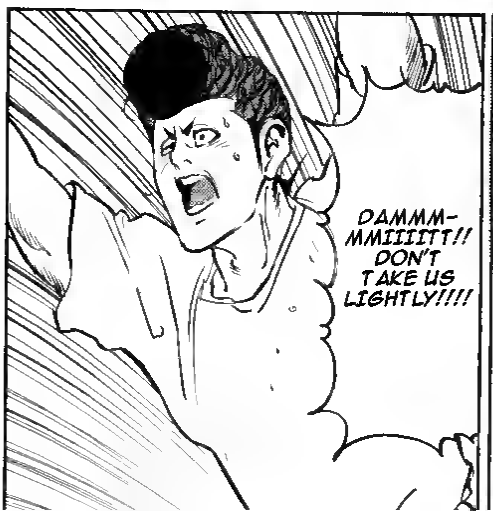
HEH HEH! C'MON!


DAMMM-MMIIIITT!! DON'T TAKE US LIGHTLY!!!!

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HEH-
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EH HEH HEH.
GOT ME SOME
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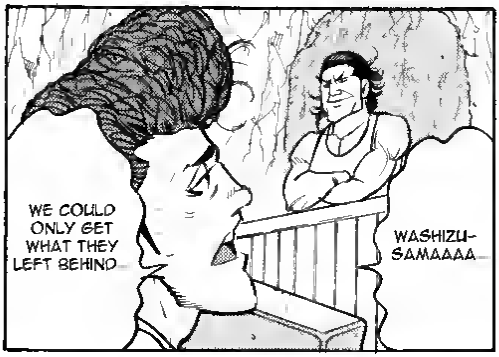
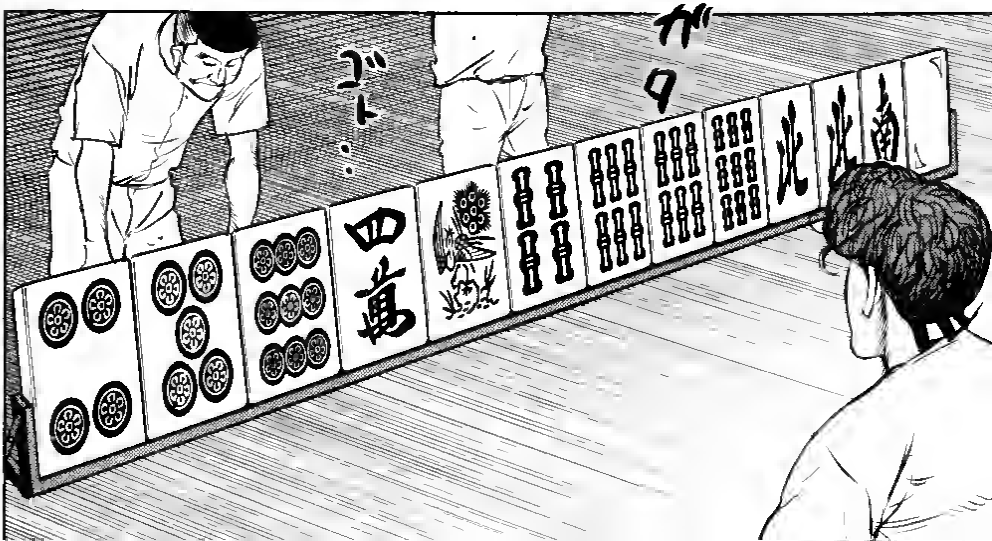
LET'S SEE IT


WE COULD ONLY GET WHAT THEY LEFT BEHIND...
WASHIZU-SAMAAAA...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IT'S... BLANK?!
IS THIS REALLY THE TIME TO BE READING?!
WASHIZU-SAMA!! RYUUJIN'S PROBABLY GOT A REALLY AMAZING STARTING HAND AT THIS POINT!!!
IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?
KHEH-HEH...
GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME TO FIGHT FOR THE DRAWS, HUH...

WELL... YEAH, BUT...
THAT'S ALL.
JUST PULL IN THE TILES WE NEED.

WHO ARE WE GONNA SEND OUT TO DRAW FOR US?!
STILL, WHO HERE LOOKS LIKE THEY CAN WIN AGAINST THOSE GUYS...

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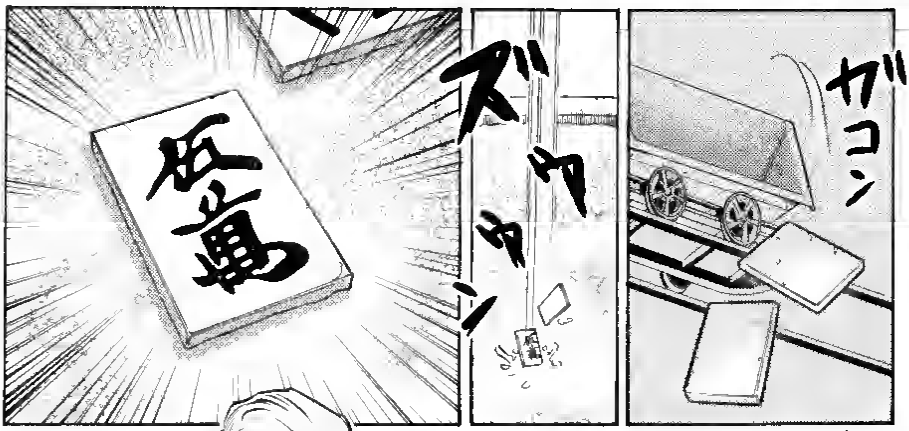
WHY, ME OF COURSE!
I'M GOING!!!

SEEMS HE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP MY INTEREST, AFTER ALL..
THEY SEND OUT WASHIZU HIMSELF, HMMM...
OH-HO-HO...
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT NONE AMONG THEM COULD FIT THE BILL...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I'LL TEAR YOU TO PIECES, JAP!!
THE DORA!!

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE HE CAN FACE THAT GUY...
WE CAN'T LET THEM GET THE DORA!!

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN, WASHIZU-SAMAAAAAA?!

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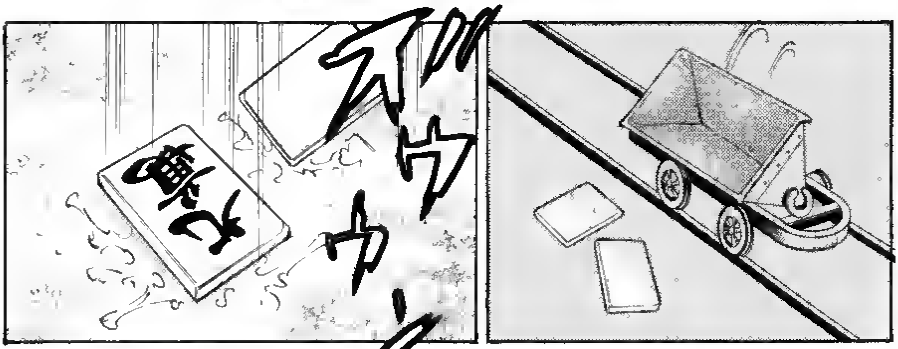
HEY, THAT WAS A PRETTY NICE WARM-UP!

WASHIZU-SAMA'S CRAZY STRONG!!!
HE DIDN'T EVEN NEED A PLAN!!

LOOKS LIKE IT'S MY TURN, HUH.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.

AH!! HIS JAW'S BROKEN, MR. RYUUJIN!!
WASHIZU, HUH... HE'S DEFINITELY THE STRONGEST WE'VE SEEN, HERE..

IN ORDER TO GET THE LEG UP ON THAT GUY...
WE NEED TO GIVE HIM "THAT", WOULDN'T YOU SAY?



WE CAN DO THIS!! IF WE JUST SEND WASHIZU-SAMA OUT EVERY DRAW...

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HMPH. YOU CAN HAVE THAT ONE.
HEH HEH... DON'T BE SO SURPRISED. I USED TO BE THE RUNNING BACK FOR MY FOOTBALL TEAM.
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AW YEAH, THE DORA!!
CRAZY LUCK, AS ALWAYS!!
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伍萬
Several turns later
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伍萬
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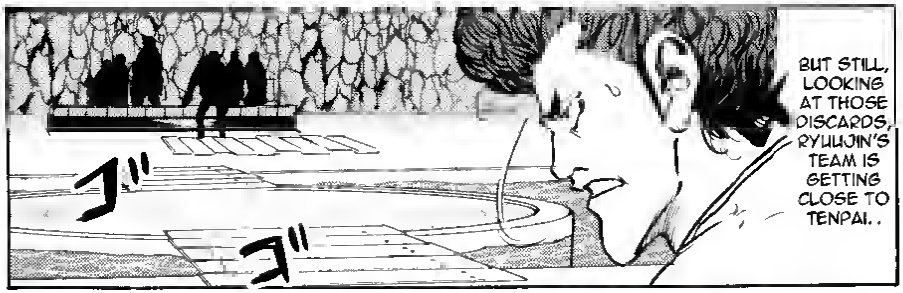
YEAH, WE MIGHT EVEN GET SAN SHOKU!!!
OUR GENERAL CAN REALLY GET THINGS DONE
TO THINK THAT STARTING HAND COULD COME THIS FAR SO QUICK ..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BUT STILL, LOOKING AT THOSE DISCARDS, RYUUJIN'S TEAM IS GETTING CLOSE TO TENPAI..

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RIICHI!!!!
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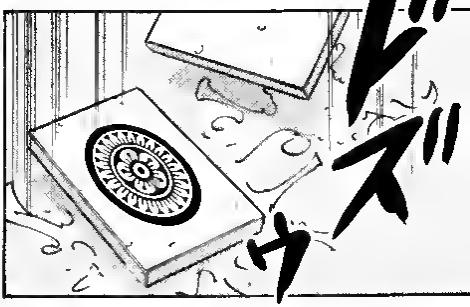
IT'S EASY TO GUESS AT THE FORMATION OF THEIR TENPAI.
BUT ANYWAY, SINCE YOU CAN SEE MOST OF THE TILES IN RYUUJIN MAHJONG...

I KNEW IT, THEY HIT TENPAI FIRST!!

IT'S GOTTA BE A 2-5-8 AND 7-MAN MULTI-SIDED WAIT AROUND THE DORA!!

PLEASE LEAVE THIS ONE TO ME!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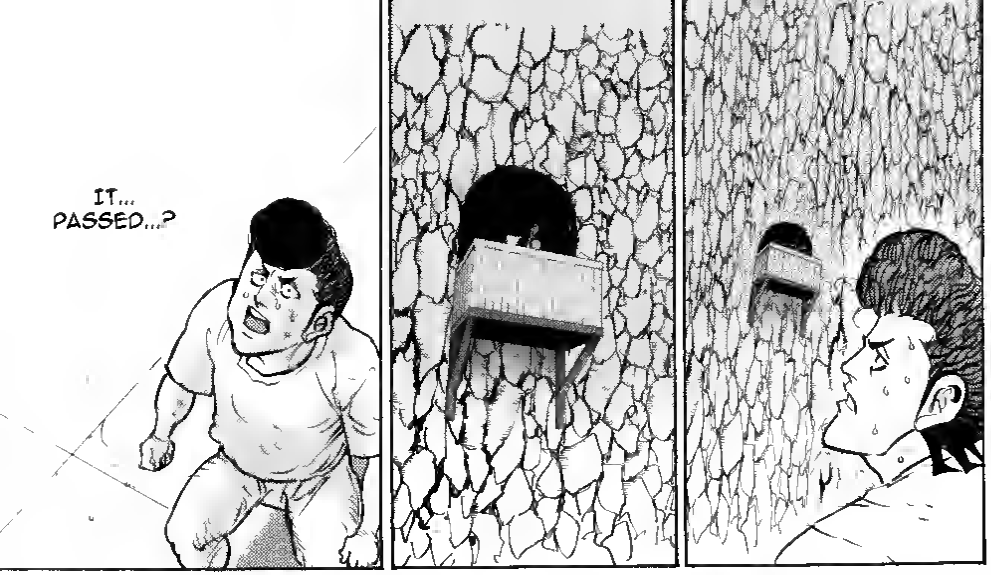
BOTH OF THEM ARE SAFE TILES... AND WASHIZU-SAMA LOOKS LIKE HE'S GETTING TIRED...

PHEW.. I DIDN'T HAVE TO FIGHT HIM. WHAT A RELIEF
HOLD ON! IN RYUUJIN MAHJONG, THE SIDE THAT DECLARED RIICHI DISCARDS FIRST.
WE'LL PLAY THIS 1-PIN, THEN...
WAIT, HAYABUSA!
NOT THE 1-PIN.. THIS ONE
OF COURSE, THEY DIDN'T GET IPPATSU... SO...

NYAUUUGHH!! B-BUT THE 5-MAN...! THE DORA'S THE MOST DANGEROUS TILE POSSIBLEEEEE!!!

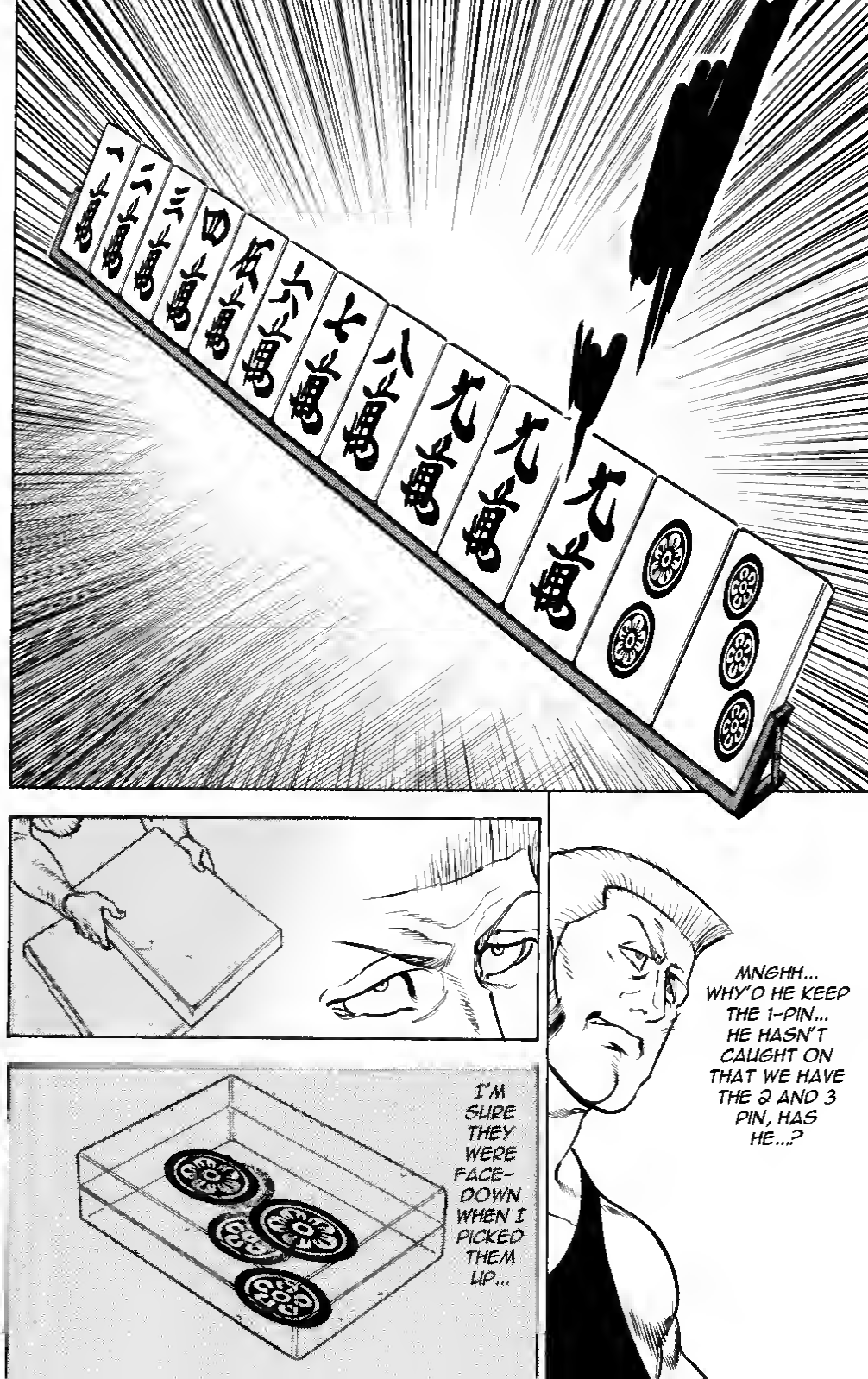
IT'S FINE, JUST GO AND PLAY IT!
WASHI-ZU-SAMA!!!

KGH...


IT... PASSED...?

THAT TOOK YEARS OFF MY LIFE...
PHEW ...

BUT... IF IT'S NOT A WAIT ON THE DORA...
WHAT THE HELL IS IT?
IT HAS TO BE...
1- AND 4-PIN!


MNGHH... WHY'D HE KEEP THE 1-PIN... HE HASN'T CAUGHT ON THAT WE HAVE THE 2 AND 3 PIN, HAS HE...?
I'M SURE THEY WERE FACE-DOWN WHEN I PICKED THEM UP...

I GET IT!! HAH! "ONE-SUIT FORMATION" MY ASS!!
THEY MADE IT LOOK LIKE A ONE-SUIT HAND WHILE ACTUALLY BUILDING UP A WAIT ON A DIFFERENT SUIT... WHAT A LOUSY TRICK!!
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THE PEI!
GET THE PEI AND WE'RE TENPAI!!
THE RIGHT, HAYABUSA!! TAKE THE ONE ON THE RIGHT!

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...
WHAT?!
WHY?!
WHOA-!
AWESOME!!!
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RIICHI
SO YOU MANAGED TO CATCH UP, DIO YOU...
OH-HOH...
I'M GOING!!
LEAVE IT TO ME!!
THERE'S OUR BETTER OUT!!

HEY! YOU RUNNING AWAY, COWARD?!
IF YOU MAKE ME TAKE THAT, IT'LL BE WORTH DOUBLE!!

LOOK AT YOUR OWN DRAW.
!!
BOTH OF THEM WERE 6-PIN!! WHAT HAPPENS NOW?!
IT'S TOO BAD, BUT WE CAN'T RON.
IN RYUUJIN MAHJONG, TSUMO TRUMPS RON.
HOW'D HE KNOW THIS TILE WAS 6-PIN...

TSUMO!
RIICHI, IPPATSU, SAN SHOKU, DORA 1 AND 2 URA-DORA IS 7 POINTS!!
WE GOT URA-DORA!!

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THE FIRST SIDE TO 20 POINTS WINS!!
JUST 13 MORE AND WE'RE THERE!!
四萬
カコン
OH-HO-HO... YOU DID WELL CONSIDERING WASHIZU WAS YOUR OPPONENT
I'M SORRY TO HAVE LOST AFTER YOU ENTRUSTED IT TO ME, BOSS
OH-HO-HO...
I KNOW NOW JUST HOW SKILLED THEY ARE...
BUT FROM NOW ON, I SHALL BE INSTRUCTING YOU

BUT, UH, WASHIZU-SAMA
HOW COME YOU KNEW WHAT THE FACE-DOWN TILES WERE?
WE CAN DO THIS! WE CAN REALLY DO THIS!
WE CAN WIN!!
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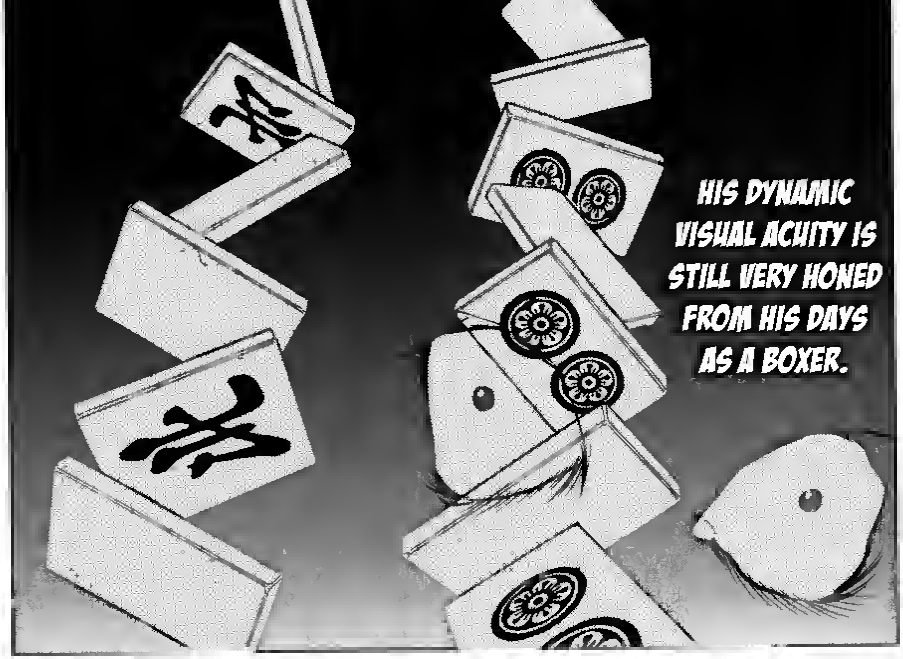
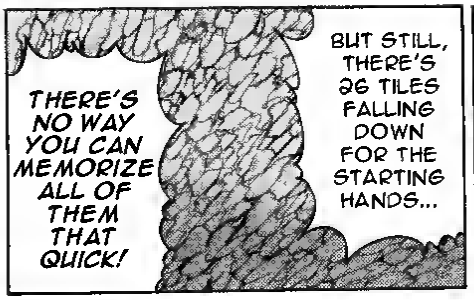
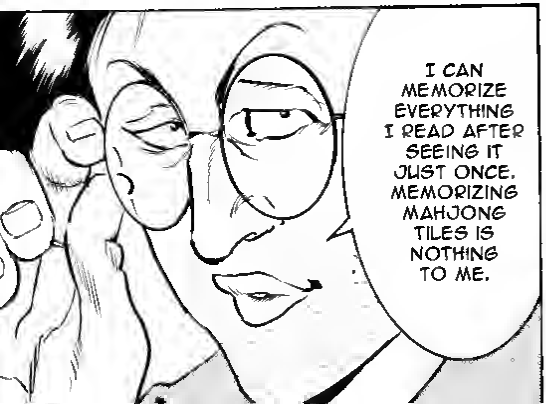
THAT WASN'T ME IT WAS THIS GUY







THE CANNERY BOAT WAS EXCEPTIONALLY RUN DOWN THE DIRECTOR BACK ON LAND COULDN'T CARE LESS WHETHER EVERYONE ON THE SHIP DIED HERE IN THE NORTH OHOTSUKU SEA WITH CAPITALISM RAPIDLY ON THE RISE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, THE ISSUE OF MONEY WAS

(T/N: Kanikosen The Cannery Boat, a 1929 novel by Takiji Kobayashi concerning a crab fishing ship's hardships as they struggle under capitalist expansion. Has been made into a 1953 film and a 2006 Manga Series. This excerpt was translated by me without knowledge of the official englsh translation)

HE WASH'T KIDDING WHEN HE SAID THIS WAS THE STRONGEST TEAM!!!
THEY SEE ALL THE TILES AS THEY FALL DOWN, AND THEN INSTANTLY MEMORIZE THEM ALL... SO THAT MEANS WASHIZU-SAMA KNEW WHAT EVERY LAST TILE WAS!!

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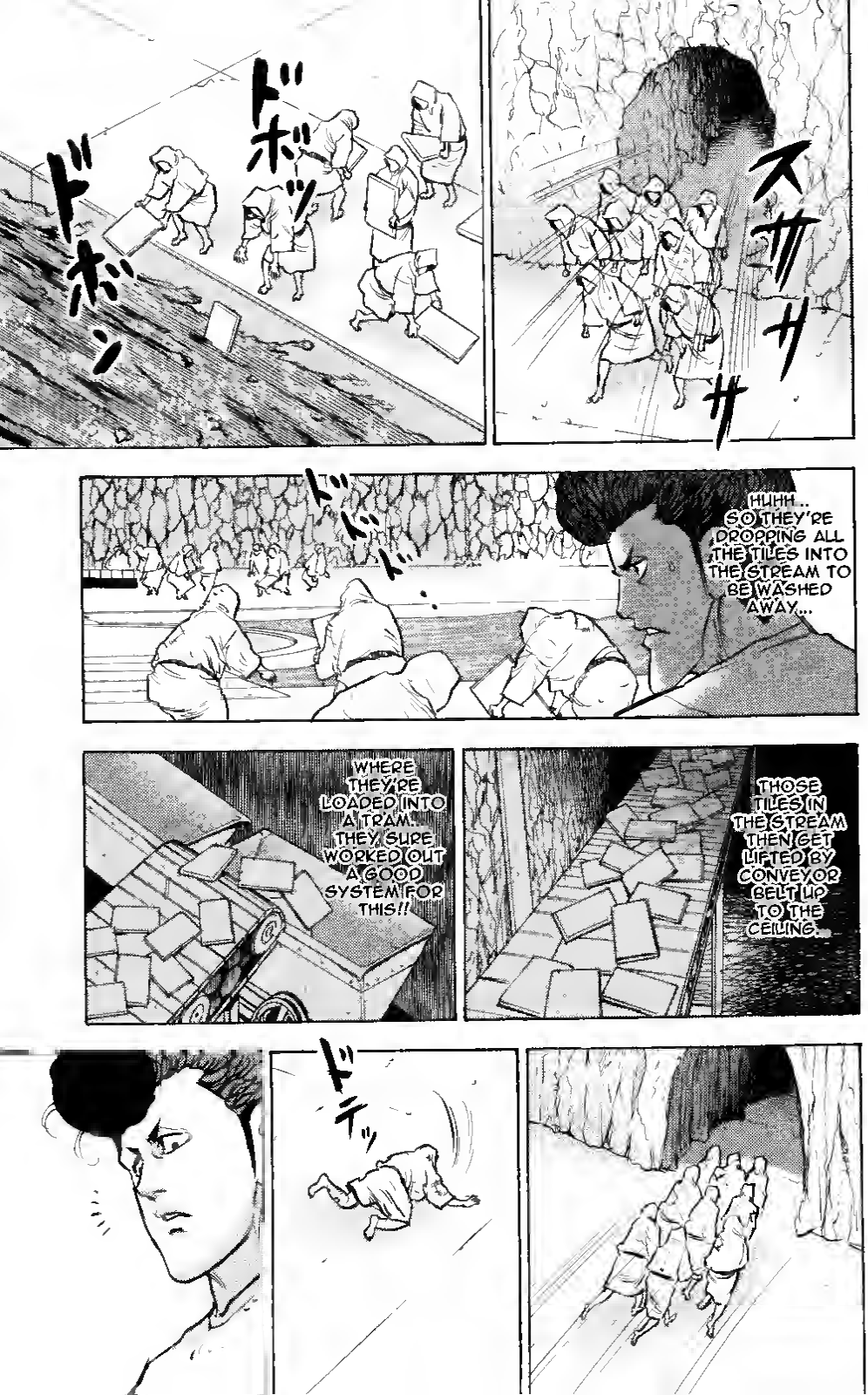
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HUHH... SO THEY'RE DROPPING ALL THE TILES INTO THE STREAM TO BE WASHED AWAY...
WHERE THEY'RE LOADED INTO A TRAM. THEY SURE WORKED OUT A GOOD SYSTEM FOR THIS!!
THOSE TILES IN THE STREAM THEN GET LIFTED BY CONVEYOR BELT UP TO THE CEILING.
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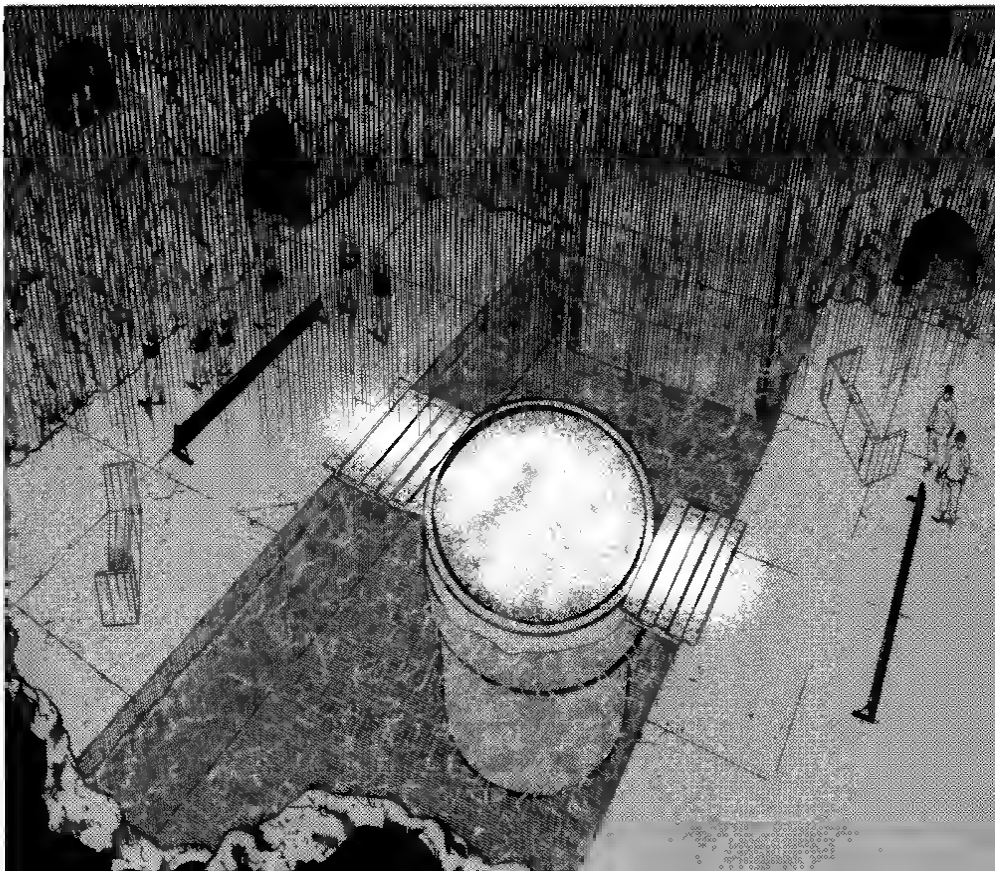
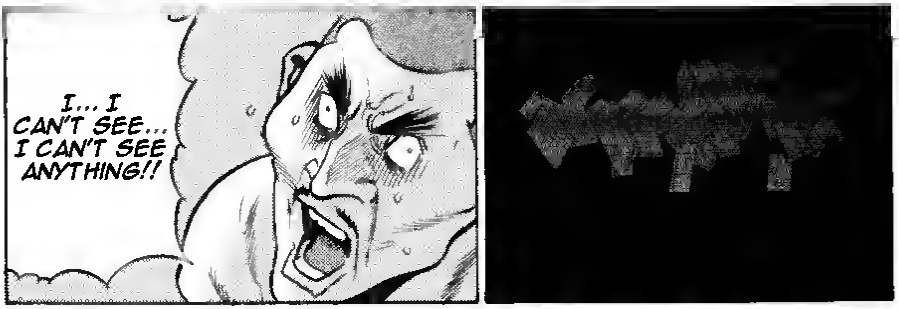
HEY, YOU ALRIGHT?
W... WASN'T THIS GUY FIGHTING AGAINST RYUUJIN YESTERDAY?!
HIS... HIS EYES AND MOUTH... ARE...!!
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHO LOSE, HERE.

YOU MEAN YOU KNEW THIS...
AND STILL AGREED TO TEAM UP WITH US..?
WE'VE ALL BET OUR LIVES...
ON THAT MAN..
ON WASHIZU-SAN.

WHY DON'T WE DIM THE LIGHTS A BIT...?
NOW... BEFORE WE BEGIN THE SECOND MATCH...
IT SEEMS EVERYTHING HAS BEEN PREPARED.



GOOD!! NOW, DROP THE STARTING HANDS!!


I... I CAN'T SEE... I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!!

WASHIZU-SAMA!!
SO YOU SAW WHAT WE WERE DOING IN THAT ONE ROUND... I GUESS NOT JUST ANYONE CAN BECOME THE EMPEROR OF MINES, EH, RYUUJIN!!

WE... WE'VE GOTTA GO FOR IT!!

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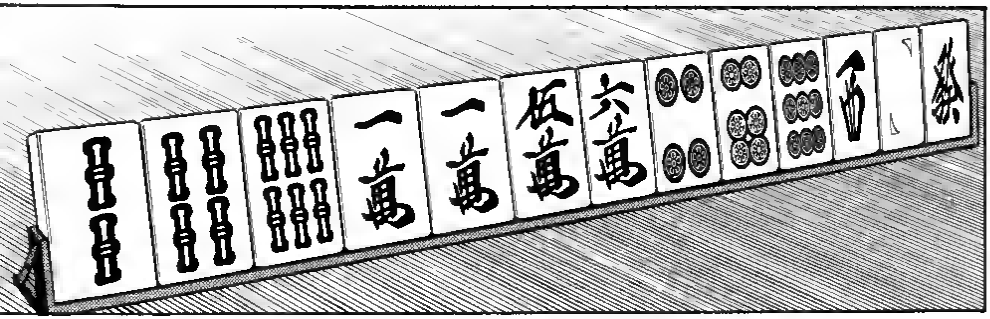
HUHHH
HUHHH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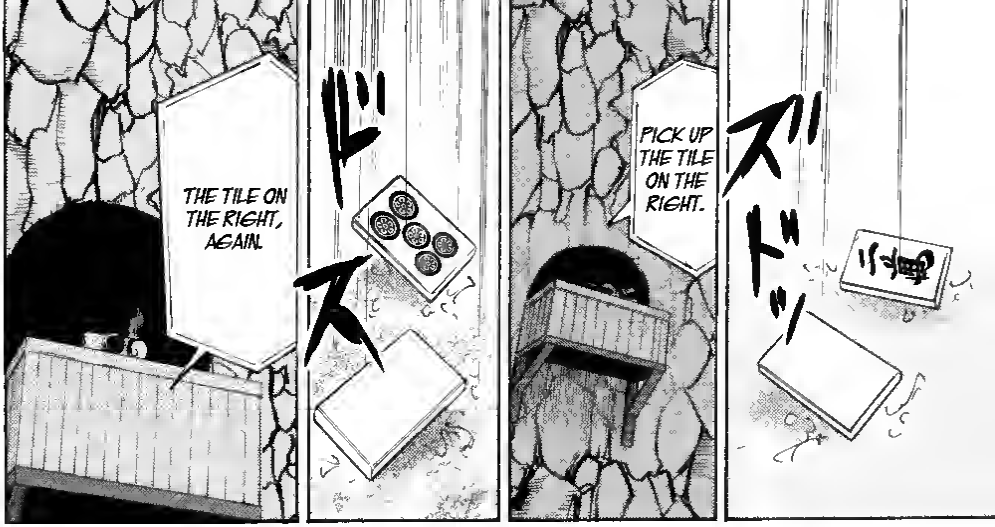
PLEASE WIN WASHIZU-SAN

EVERYTHING WE WORKED FOR'S JUST
W WASHIZU-SAMA


THE TILE ON THE RIGHT, AGAIN.
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PICK UP THE TILE ON THE RIGHT.
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WHY...
WHY'S HE GOING AFTER THE FACE-DOWN TILES WITHOUT ANY HESITATION...?

I CAN SEE IT... I CAN SEE IT ALL...!
OH-HO-HO...
RIICHI!!!

HEHE! WHAT THE HELL CAN YOU SEE, HUH?!
WE GOT TO TENPAI TOO WITH WASHIZU-SAMA'S CRAZY LUCK!!
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RIICHI!!
一萬
一萬
一萬
二萬
四萬
伍萬
六萬
RON!!!

HE KNEW WHAT TILE WE WERE GONNA PLAY!
THIS WIN IS COMPLETELY UNNATURAL OTHERWISE!!
I MEAN, THE 5-SOU WAS FACE-DOWN AND EVERY-THING!!
BUT HOW THE HELL'D HE KNOW WE'D PLAY 7-SOU?!
RIICHI, IPPATSU, II PEI KOU WITH 1 URA-DORA. WITH THE POINTS DOUBLED, THAT MAKES 8 POINTS.

THIS... THIS IS BAD!!
NOW IT'LL BE LIKE HIS ARMS AND LEGS ARE SHACKLED.
HEH HEH HEH... NOW "THAT" WILL BE SET IN PLACE, RIGHT?
GETS A PENALTY FORCED ON THEM!!
IN RYUUJIN MAHJONG, THE PERSON WHO CAUSED THEIR TEAM TO BE RONNED..
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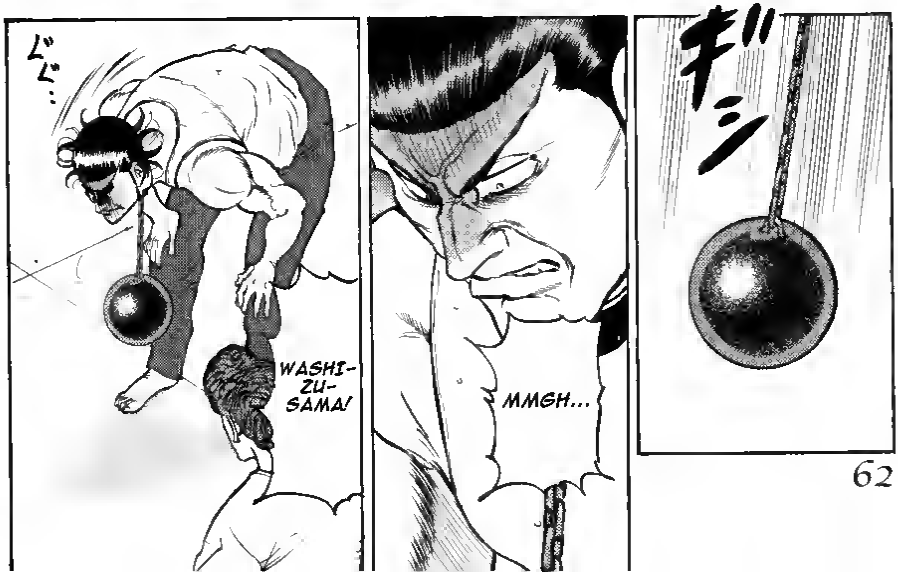
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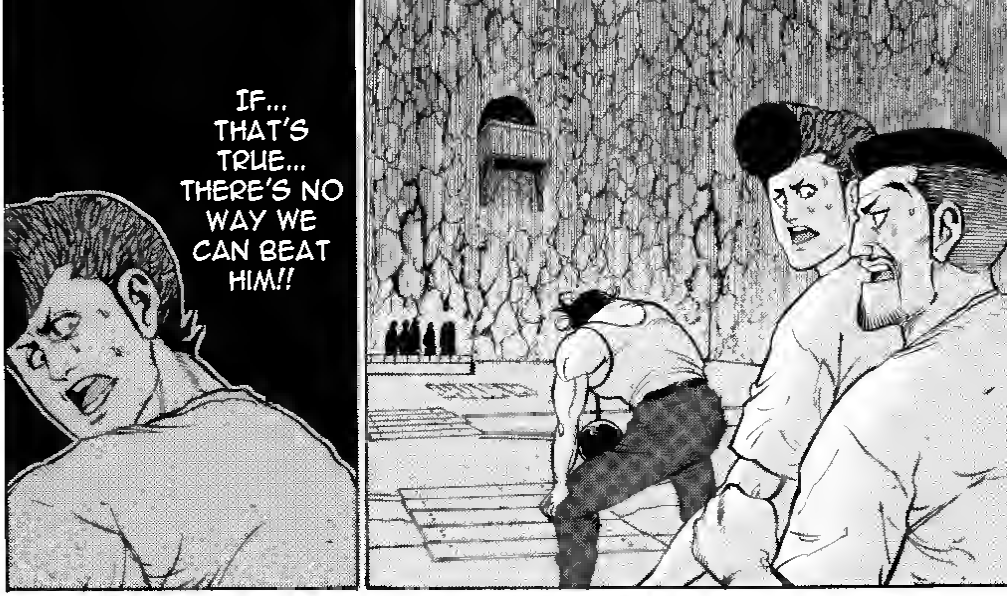
MMGH...
WASHI-ZU-SAMA!

HE WAS BEING WEIGHED DOWN WITH A BALL AND CHAIN!!!
THEN... THAT GUY WE SAW YESTERDAY WASN'T PRAYING!!
AH!!
WHY WAS RYUUJIN ABLE TO BECOME THE EMPEROR OF MINES...?
RUMORS ...?
ARE... ARE THE RUMORS REALLY TRUE...?!
THEY SAY IT'S BECAUSE HE WAS ABLE TO SEE EXACTLY WHICH MOUNTAINS WERE THE BEST TO PUT MINES IN...
THAT MAN... HAS X-RAY VISION!!!

I CAN SEE IT... I CAN SEE IT ALL!
OH-HO-HO...
THIS MOUNTAIN... HAS GLITTERING BLACK DIAMONDS JUST WAITING FOR ME...


IF... THAT'S TRUE... THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN BEAT HIM!!

WASHIZU-SAMA-!!

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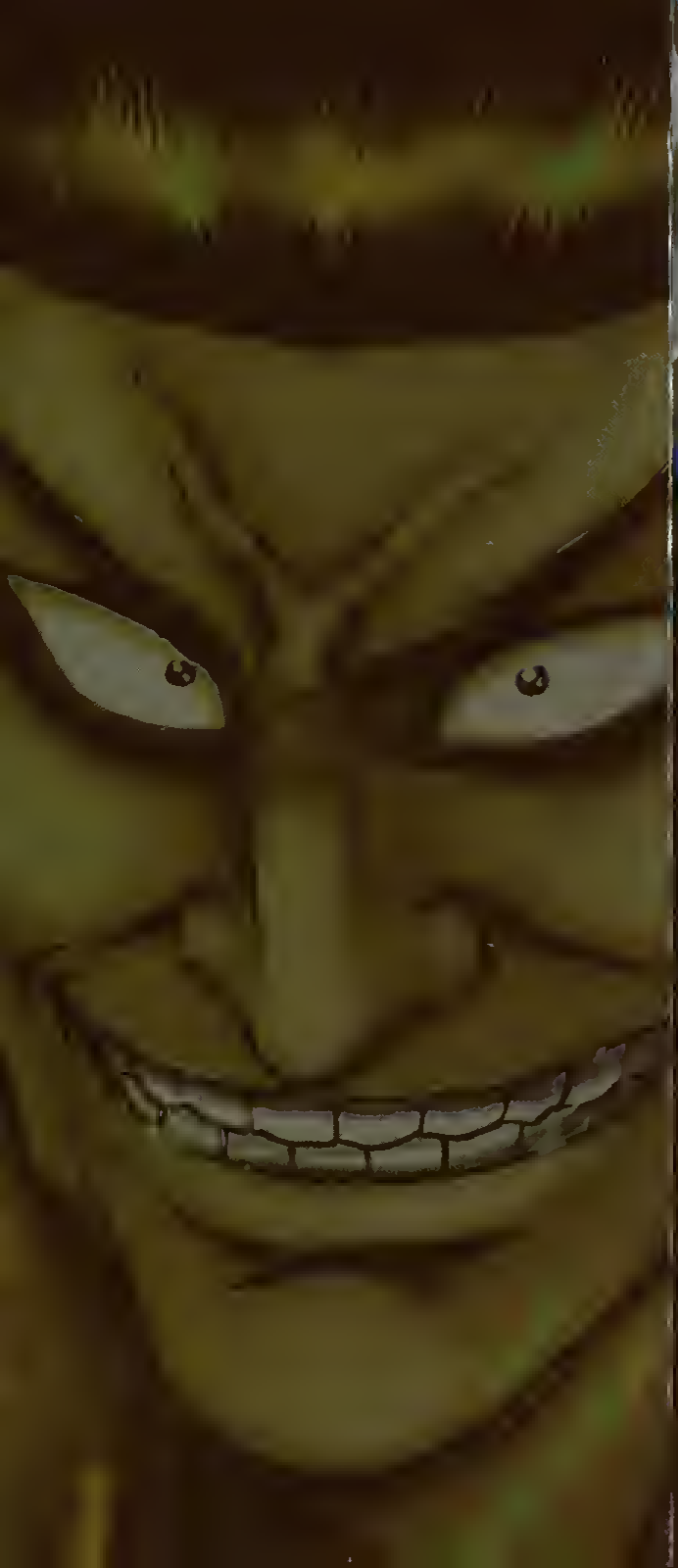

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